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FOR STR-AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

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REF: STATE 205952

1. WE WILL PASS YOUR MESSAGE (REFTEL) TO AMBASSADOR GARDNER UPON HIS RETURN TO ITALY. HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE MOST HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU TO ROME.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO TIMING, WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING A DAY ON WHICH YOU CAN SEE THE THREE MAIN TOP-LEVEL LEADERS INVOLVED IN MTN, I.E. FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER OSSOLA AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER MARCORA. OSSOLA, WHO IS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT INSOFAR AS MTN IS CONCERNED, WILL BE AVAILABLE SEPT 26. HOWEVER, FORLANI WILL
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PROBABLY BE IN NEW YORK ENTIRE WEEK OF SEPT 26 ATTENDING UNGA SESSION (WHICH HE IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS SEPT 28), AND MARCORA WILL BE IN BRUSSELS ATTENDING EC AGRICULTURE MINISTERS MEETING. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT WHEN MARCORA IS EXPECTED BACK IN ROME IN CASE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT LATER, E.G. SEPT 28.

3. OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO SHIFT YOUR ROME STOP TO PRECEDING WEEK. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WILL VISIT ROME SEPT 21-22. FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVES IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MEET WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED MINISTERS ON ONE OF THOSE DAYS, BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT SINCE SCHEDULE FOR CALLAGHAN VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED. SEPT 23 WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT IS DAY FOR WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, WHICH IS OF INDEFINITE DURATION, THUS ENTAILING RISK OF LAST MOMENT CANCELLATIONS.

4. AT THIS POINT WE BELIEVE THE MOST FEASIBLE DATE WOULD BE SEPT 28, WITH MEETINGS WITH OSSOLA, MARCORA AND ONE OF THE UNDERSECRETARIES (PLUS SENIOR OFFICIALS) IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE WILL ALSO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT DURING THE SEPT 21-23 PERIOD. IN ANY CASE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT DATES WILL ALSO DEPEND ON SITUATION IN OTHER CAPITALS.

5. REQUEST PERMISSION TO REMOVE SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES FROM EXDIS CHANNEL SO AS TO FACILITATE DISTRIBUTION WITHIN EMBASSY AMONG OFFICERS INVOLVED WITH MTN MATTERS AND YOUR VISIT. HOLMES

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